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Roder Currier

Dear Mr. Silver -

Pardon my Hammermill Bond but I am stuck here with no car and thus take license to be as sloppy as I wish. I am off tomorrow night for D.C. then on to Baltimore on the 25th to register. I have studied my ass off, to coin a phrase, on this German, but have had many unavoidable interruptions in a house so small and so filled with the crises of everyday living, and it is just now that I am really beginning to think I may, with luck, pass the test after all. I had no luck with it until I tried the 3x5 card method & am still making them out by the hundreds & thousands & trying to memorize them.

I was delighted needless to say, with the Democratic Vice-Pres. nominee & am glad



that Stevenson seems to have  
learned something of campaigning.  
It is certainly not a ticket  
that anybody could ever  
compare with 1904 or 1924  
& the race plank is no worse  
than the G. O. P. plank. Did  
you notice that both Adlai  
& Eleanor lifted their  
speeches bodily from A.  
Schlesinger, Jr., both from  
The Vital Center & his arti-  
cle on liberalism in The  
Reporter? Naturally Adlai  
managed to reduce it all  
to a kind of nebulous hash  
but I dare say he means  
well & we must all admit  
that Eleanor stole the show  
& is indeed the greatest  
woman who ever lived.  
I have tried to patch up  
some of the more obvious gaps  
in my knowledge of U. S.  
history this summer by reading  
The South As a Conscience



Minority & Parrington & a couple of  
other things, but haven't had time  
to do really much. Everyone was com-  
pletely baffled by the Southern  
Reposure & only one person, the  
city librarian, guessed that I  
had sent them out. She found  
it hilarious. My Willie was  
to tell me some of the amusing  
repercussions she had heard  
but never got to see her.

Well, now that I am  
finally off to the mysterious &  
inscrutable East, thank you again  
for your help and best wishes  
for the earliest possible completion  
of your book. I may not know  
much history but I do know  
what goes to make a good book  
& I hope that you will some  
day condescend to write it. Best  
to all appropriate.

Sincerely —

Roder